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Astrological Report for
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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House Cusps
Sun	Leo	26°Le31'	12th	01 09°Vi28'
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Venus	Virgo	22°Vi39' R	01st	04 06°Sg02'
Mars	Scorpio	12°Sc35'	03rd	05 10°Cp19'
Jupiter	Scorpio	15°Sc42'	03rd	06 11°Aq54'
Saturn	Pisces	07°Pi38' R	06th	07 09°Pi28'
Uranus	Taurus	05°Ta29' R	09th	08 03°Ar37'
Neptune	Virgo	13°Vi39'	01st	09 02°Ta44'
Pluto	Cancer	26°Ca28'	11th	10 06°Ge02'
Midheaven	Gemini	06°Ge02'		11 10°Ca19'
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Traditional astrologers "make predictions." Often they are correct. But right or wrong, "predictions" turn you into a marionette, with the planets holding your strings. And in my opinion, that is not a very inspiring description of the way the cosmos works, nor a very accurate one. You are vastly more powerful than that. You can, to a great extent, shape your own life. That at least is my belief. The future isn't crystallized. It's a wavering, quivering web of possibilities. How will they manifest? Much depends upon how you wield the magical wild card we call your freedom.

So, what's the use of astrology? In a nutshell, it can help you make better choices. The planets never give a definitive answer to the question "What will happen to me?" Instead, they ask the question. But they ask the question in a very specific way: "Given everything you are, all the bridges you've crossed, all the contracts you've signed, there are several possibilities for what you might do next..." In other words, "Here's the menu. What are you having?"

Question mark.

And the question mark is the most important part of the whole inquiry, because that's where the uncertainty -- and your freedom -- lies. But the planets do even more. They offer advice. In a sense, they recommend certain choices over others. They seem biased toward your evolution. They often suggest that you take the less familiar path, the one that moves you into richer fields of your own potentiality. The planets express this rather philosophical bias in a very concrete way. Typically, when you make a less energetic response to a planetary question, the results, while initially comfortable, rapidly turn painful. Sometimes the pain is immediate and dramatic, as in the collapse of an important relationship. Other times, it's more subtle, as in the degeneration of life into deadening boredom and ritual. Either way, sooner or later we know you made a wrong turn somewhere.

In the pages that follow, we will be exploring the coming months of your life from this planetary perspective. There are three parts to the report, and any or all of them may be included here, depending on which have been requested. First, the big questions. In the part of the report called THE INVITATION, we try to get that "mountain-top" perspective that enables us to make sense of the details. In THE MEANS, we turn our attention to some secondary factors that offer suggestions, help, and support in responding to those big questions. And finally, we'll look at the report period month-by-month, day-by-day, to get some ground-level insight into THE DETAILS. Your report may be for three, six, nine, or twelve months and may include any or all three sections just described. For this reason, and because some years in your life are astrologically more active than others, report length can vary quite a bit.

Throughout the following text, I'll be endeavoring to write in plain English, but if you're

unfamiliar with the jargon of astrology, you'll encounter a few words that may require definition. A "transiting" planet, for example, refers to the actual, current position of that planet in the sky. Sometimes the transiting planets form critical geometric angles with the "natal" planets in the birthchart, triggering developmental questions in your life. These critical angles are called "aspects."

The "progressed" planets function in much the same way as the transiting planets, but we approach them a little differently. They're like a script that's been built into your birthchart. Just as we know that an oak tree will emerge from an acorn and bring forth its leaves in season, similarly each person's birthchart contains within it the seeds of certain predictable developmental stages. Progressions spell out those stages.

So sit back, open your mind, and engage your heart. It's time to consider...

The Invitation

Some years loom large in our memories decades down the road; others are blurry, easily forgotten. That universal human reality is reflected in the movements of the planets -- astrologically speaking, one year is often far more significant than another, just as in life. Most of the really important celestial factors move rather slowly; thus, it's not unusual to experience a time in which none of them have gone critical, when we can calmly keep on putting one foot after the other, on "cruise control."

Well, for you this is definitely not that kind of year. Something truly pivotal is occurring...

Tr. Uranus is Sextile Moon

In effect: Feb 15, 2008 - Mar 21, 2008

Peak Date(s): Mar 4, 2008

The planet Uranus is presently stirring the pot of your life, and that always promises a tumultuous passage, peppered with unexpected developments and encounters. Outwardly, Uranus is the wild card, bringing unpredictable and unforeseen events into the picture. Inwardly, it signals a time of accelerated individuation...that is, a time in which who you really are and what you truly want are rapidly emerging and defining themselves. A portion of what you imagined to be your identity has, in fact, little to do with you; it is a side-effect of your social training, nothing more. And, like training wheels on a kid's bike, you are now ready to dump it. This has an unsettling effect upon not only yourself, but also those around you. Often during Uranian periods there is a distinct "changing of the guard" in our social circles; old relationships end, new ones appear. Claim your right to be yourself -- that's the essence of the transiting Uranus. Whatever it touches, changes. Trust the changes! Like a hard wind blowing the sand off a buried city, they are revealing who you actually have been all along. That's

Uranus in general. Specifically, Uranus is sextile your natal Moon: Mar 4, 2008.

Our initial step is to realize that the action and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Seventh House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Uranus is currently passing. This informs us that you have come to a turning point in your biography, but one whose successful navigation depends upon your receptivity to counsel, or more simply, your willingness to let another person influence you. "Soulmates" will appear at critical junctions. Recognize them through their resemblance to Uranus, which we just described. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Moon, which is being invited into development by the advent of these pivotal people.

Astrology is the basic "programming language" of human consciousness. That may seem like a bold claim, but it's easily tested and proven. Pick someone who imagines he or she knows nothing at all about astrology. Ask them what the Moon means. After an initially dumbfounded look, you'll probably get an answer such as, "I dunno...feelings?" Which is quite correct. The mind naturally associates the Moon with darkness, with moonlight...and therefore with ghosts and romance, magic and tears, vulnerability and exhilaration: emotions. Deep inside us all is a subjective realm. Love and hate, joy and sorrow, dwell there. So do our daydreams and our creativity. If we could "average" a person's mood over a lifetime, we'd have an excellent profile of his or her Moon. When the Moon is triggered into development by a passing transit or progression, your inner life is stimulated. You feel stirred up. Powerful currents of emotional energy, for weal or woe, are released into your psyche. The very basis of happiness for you is evolving.

How does all that relate to your present circumstances? Recognize that the Moon occupies the Ninth House of your natal chart, an area which refers to the human need for adventure, variety, and escape from the ordinary. Periodically in your life it becomes necessary to "throw a monkey wrench" into your daily routines, to flee the scene and thereby gain the kind of "mountain-top" philosophical perspective necessary to keep your biography on a meaningful course. Under this current aspect, you have entered such a period. One final hint: those ventures, vacations, and journeys work best for you if they invoke the tone of the Moon, as we just encountered it.

The aspect pervading the event we've just considered is, as we observed, a sextile. Technically, that refers to a geometric angle of 60 degrees between the natal planet and the moving one. Sextiles are traditionally viewed as "good" aspects. Certainly, they're exciting. There is a mood of eagerness regarding the process we're exploring here -- and that's glorious, provided you're wary of the excessive impulsiveness that sextiles sometimes breed. In any case, the spinning wheel of circumstances can be counted on to provide some fortuitous, unexpected opportunities for you during this period. You'll have to be quick to seize them, though. They're real, but they're short-lived.

What we've considered above is the underpinning of this phase of your life. It's truly elemental material -- the stuff of which milestones are made. There's no guarantee that astrological forces of such magnitude will be activated for everyone all the time. What follows is an analysis of some slightly less portentous dimensions of your astrological picture...less portentous, but still powerful enough to qualify as part of this year's "Invitation."

Try to see what follows in the light of all that's gone before...

Tr. Saturn is Conjunct Mercury

In effect: Jan 18, 2008 - Feb 16, 2008

Peak Date(s): Feb 3, 2008

The planet Saturn is currently casting a gray light on your circumstances -- but is it the bleak gray of sorrow or the clear, comforting gray of wisdom and digested experience? That's the choice. Saturn is classically viewed as the "bad" planet, the "Greater Malefic." Don't believe it! Used correctly, its transits can bring dignity and self-respect. Essentially, Saturn is about maturity. The part of your life that's being touched by the Saturnian energies needs to grow up...which, despite the lies we're all told, is not a process one mysteriously completes on one's twenty-first birthday. There is an area of your life where you have simply outgrown yourself, at least inwardly. The task now is to adjust your outward circumstances to reflect the maturity you've already attained psychically and invisibly. It is a material problem, not fundamentally a psychological one. To succeed, there is first a need to face reality squarely, even if it's unsavory. Then to make a hard choice...that is, to reach an emotional bottom line and not be crippled by your awareness of the ambiguities in your situation. And finally, in a spirit of commitment, persistence, and self-discipline, to claim those circumstances in your life which reflect the hard inner work you've been doing over the last few years. That's Saturn in general. Specifically, Saturn is conjunct your natal Mercury: Feb 3, 2008.

Currently Saturn is maneuvering through your Twelfth House, which is the last house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. Your key to success here lies in sorting out what parts of your life and circumstances have truly run their course and are therefore ready to be released. That's hard, sometimes, since like the rest of us you're in part a creature of habit and are therefore subject to getting too attached to the familiar. Of what should you be letting go? Part of the answer lies with Saturn, as we just described it: the part of you that's ready to "die and be reborn" is tangled up with that kind of energy and attitude. But we can go further. There is also some ending and releasing going in connection with Mercury, which is being invited into development by these essential and apt conclusions -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by outside events if you're slow to recognize their necessity.

Your quickness, your alertness, your curiosity -- those are the dimensions of your life

dominated by the planet Mercury. To say that Mercury represents your intelligence is quite accurate, but it's more connected to the natural style of your intelligence: not so much how smart you are as what interests you, and how your intelligence can be employed most pleasurably and efficiently. Intimately linked to such cerebral concerns is the question of your ability to communicate, since ideally there is some relationship between speech and forethought. Thus Mercury, the traditional Messenger of the Gods, is associated with both thought and conversation. When stimulated by a passing transit or progression, Mercury tends to speed up the flow of data in your life. You learn. You listen. You speak. Often events move at a hasty pace, and there's a feeling of excitement mixed with over-extension.

The Twelfth House is where Mercury lies in your natal chart, and it is currently undergoing a lot of evolutionary emphasis. It is critical that you make an effort to get in touch with the energies of Mercury in yourself at this point. You need them, and you actually do have them available to you, but they've got a pattern of slipping away from your conscious control. Don't let it happen! Meditate on Mercury! Draw pictures of it and tape them to the refrigerator! Do what it takes to avoid shooting yourself in the foot, which is what will happen if you let circumstances bamboozle you out of these healing, balancing energies.

When Mercury mingles with Saturn, a thoughtful, reflective perspective enters the mind. This is a season of earnest study, of necessary but often rather plodding kinds of work. A precise, careful, conservative approach generally produces the best results. And, present cultural mythology aside, the cultivation of a degree of calculated pessimism often helps one evade costly blunders as these two planets interact.

As we mentioned, the aspect involved in the event we just described is the conjunction, which refers to a precise alignment between the natal planet and the moving trigger. Thus, the process emphasizes fusion, integration, and synthesis. Of all the possible aspects, the conjunction is the most intense. The explosion rattles your outward circumstances; but it originates inside you, and puts you in the driver's seat. It is appropriate for you to claim some new level of power, of self-expression, and of autonomy. If you don't, no one will do it for you; and the opportunity will evaporate.

Tr. Saturn is Opposite Saturn

In effect: in progress - Feb 5, 2008

Peak Date(s): Jan 20, 2008

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is opposite your natal Saturn. The energies crest Jan 20, 2008.

Currently Saturn is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Saturn, as we just described it -- that part of you has completed a major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with Saturn, which is being invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

Getting kicked out of the nest, one way or another, is an elemental part of life. Faced with the stark, unyielding actualities of the "real world," you either die then and there or get on with the cunning, calculating business of staying alive. To accomplish either of those ends, you activate the energies of your natal Saturn: your self-discipline, your patience, and your practicality...if you choose survival. And if you choose to give up, you withdraw into fear and probably get into a mood of despair and defeat. When Saturn is triggered by passing transits or progressions, it signals a time in which hard work is appropriate, necessary, and the best insurance for happiness. Often it suggests that the circumstances or even people who have been a significant part of your past must now be left behind, making way for a more mature expression of your identity.

Sustaining steady contact with the energy of Saturn, always good for you, now figures especially prominently in one critical dimension of your life: the Sixth House, which is where Saturn lies in your birthchart. What themes or issues come to the fore here? Responsibilities, duties, and the fulfillment of your commitments. But before we start sounding too much like the Boy Scout Handbook, let's remember that the pivotal issue of the Sixth House lies in recognizing the exact nature of your proper obligations, and not letting yourself be cowed into signing up for boring, self-sacrificial martyrdoms that are none of your business anyway. Clarifying the exact location of the thin line between humility and humiliation is on the front burner for you now. One rule of thumb: when your duties have the flavor of Saturn, you're on the right track.

When Saturn interacts with its own natal position, as we observe here, commitment is the highest path, and the one which brings the most joy in the long run. At some level, a vow is called for now...at least a vow to yourself. It will take effort, and the effort will be costly and exhausting. But it will be worth it. We hear so much about "being in touch with the inner child." Good advice, but not now. Saturn is about being in touch with the inner adult, which is to say, being in touch with determination, patience, and your own core moral values.

The geometric angle or "aspect" involved in the process we are studying is, as we said, the

opposition. Not surprisingly, this suggests that the natal planet and the moving one are 180 degrees apart. Tension is thus woven into the spirit of this period of your life. The two forces we described are polarized, which often translates emotionally into a feeling of being damned if you do, and damned if you don't. How can you break the logjam? Recognize that any impossibilities you are experiencing in this area probably arise from an incomplete or biased perspective. The opposition aspect always calls for a leap into a new, more accepting level of consciousness. Something is missing in your view of the problem -- and that missing link (here's the corker...) lies in the wisdom embodied by those people or situations that are now antagonizing you. It's not that they're right and you're wrong; only that the truth that can carry you beyond this impasse lies somewhere between the two positions.

Tr. Saturn is Square Midheaven

In effect: Jan 30, 2008 - Feb 25, 2008

Peak Date(s): Feb 13, 2008

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is square your natal Midheaven. The energies crest Feb 13, 2008.

Currently Saturn is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Saturn, as we just described it -- that part of you has completed a major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with the Midheaven, which is being invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief -- we all play some kind of role in our community. Sometimes you're paid for it; sometimes you do it for the principle of the matter. The public "hat" you wear is symbolized by the natal midheaven. Physically, it's the highest point in your birthchart, and it corresponds to the most outward, obvious dimensions of your life: your profession, your status, your social role. When it is stimulated by a transit or a progression, you are advised of some impending evolution or revolution in your style of hat, so to speak. Much depends on the nature of the progressed or transiting planet, but certainly some adjustments must be made in your outward life to reflect more adequately those inner developments which have already taken place.

The aspect connected with the astrological process we're investigating here is the square, as we have seen. The square, traditionally characterized as an unfortunate aspect, describes a geometric angle of 90 degrees between the natal planet and the moving trigger. To call squares "bad" is misleading. More accurately, they are compelling. In the area of your life we're considering, a terrific friction has arisen. It's not comfortable, but it is an extremely effective motivator. The trick in using the energy creatively lies in moving decisively -- determining precisely what you want, claiming it, and letting the rest go. A season of tough choices is upon you. Regarding the process we described in the previous paragraphs, there are costs involved in all the courses available to you...the most costly, for all concerned, being the course of indecision.

Pr. Moon enters Capricorn

Date: Jan 30, 2008 - Continuing

You don't need to be an astrologer to know what the Moon means. Just engage your imagination. Immediately, the mind free-associates. Moon: night...feelings...falling in love...seeing a ghost... And that's pretty much what astrologers throughout history have said: the Moon represents your interior life, your "heart." Like all astrological factors, the Moon progresses, taking a little over a quarter of a century to make one circuit around the chart. It typically spends a couple of years in each sign or house, and eventually forms aspects with all the planets. How do we read it? Simple: at any given moment the progressed Moon tells us where your heart is. Or, to be a little less schmaltzy about it, the Moon says where your attention is. What is concerning you. Where your growth experiences are unfolding -- which is often to say where you're experiencing challenges, upsets, or opportunities to regroup and express yourself in new ways. Being an emotional factor, the progressed Moon always refers to areas of heightened sensitivity. Intuition comes to the forefront. Instincts must be followed. Somehow the unconscious mind has gotten ahead of conscious awareness, and now conscious awareness is catching up, following the trail of intuitive clues and impulses laid down by the wise, dark interior of your spirit.

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It enters the sign Capricorn: Jan 30, 2008.

Capricorn represents integrity and self-discipline. In the northern hemisphere, it is the sign of winter's onset, and that simple fact offers us considerable insight. What virtues would have to arise in you if you were going to survive winter in nature? Patience, practicality, and resourcefulness: what the psychologists name "good reality testing"...the so-called "New England virtues." The development of those qualities defines the perimeters of this chapter in your biography. Sometimes we arrive at places in our lives where there is a choice to be made between what we feel like doing and what we know is good for us. Fortunately, the two are not eternally opposed; but under a Capricorn influence, the invitation is to follow the higher road, and our immediate feelings be damned. As austere as this injunction sounds, the curious fact is that we actually enjoy it! There is considerable satisfaction inherent in facing the facts and in

doing what must be done. Play your hand wisely and you gain self-respect and maturity on the Capricorn road...and the kind of quiet joy that puts a smile in your heart, if not on your lips.

Tr. Jupiter aligns with the Fifth House cusp

Date: Feb 2, 2008 - Continuing

The planet Jupiter is currently coloring your circumstances. Before we say exactly how, let's attempt to understand the more general significance of any Jupiter event. Essentially, this is a call to recognize an opportunity. Traditional astrologers view it more starkly -- to them, it is simply the planet of luck. And that is often the case: the toast does tend to land butter-side up when Jupiter is crossing sensitive territories. But the real, evolutionary meaning lies deeper. One key is that Jupiter is future-oriented...it is concerned with bright, unexplored possibilities. Stripped to its bones, Jupiter always asks one primary question: how have you been underestimating yourself? Its transits signal a time when new opportunities come into existence, but to seize them you must recognize that you deserve them, that you are capable of rising to them, and that old deals and compromises are finished. Trust yourself, have faith in life, and go for it: that's the spirit of Jupiter. How is it affecting you? Jupiter is conjunct your natal Fifth House cusp: Feb 2, 2008.

Play -- that's the essence of the Fifth House. Traditionally called the "House of Children," it sometimes does bring kids into your life in significant ways. But ultimately what's at stake here is the well-being of your own inner child. And with Jupiter now entering your Fifth House, you need to loosen inhibitions: relax, indulge yourself, enjoy your "playmates."

All that may sound appealing, but rather lightweight. Don't be misled! Something extraordinarily portentous is occurring. Think of children at play: they almost always enact adult roles...astronauts, warriors, adventurers, parents. It's tough to escape the conclusion that play is a kind of neurological rehearsal for adulthood -- the clincher being our certainty that any child who chronically refuses to play is headed for psychiatric problems in adulthood.

Something new has crystallized in your deep psyche...a new Self, or more specifically, a new aspect of yourself, one that has the nature of a more mature expression of Jupiter. But you probably don't have a clue about how to turn it into anything visible and real! In exactly the same way, deep in the psyche of every child is an impression of adulthood, but almost no true understanding of adult realities. Kids manage to solve that problem, and so can you -- in precisely the same way. Get loose. Enact your imagination. Buy toys for yourself: a boat, a new car, watercolors, an extravagant trip. Go with your impulses. Connect with interesting strangers. In the spirit of Jupiter, do what pleases you. It's serious business, but here's the delightful paradox: if you take it too seriously, you'll blunder.

Pr. Sun is Trine Saturn

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): Feb 23, 2008

Ever so slowly, at the pace of a glacier, life changes us. You're not the same person you were five years ago. Your interests have evolved, your tastes are more refined. And, of course, your circumstances are different. This snail-paced journey -- the Evolution of the Self -- is reflected in astrology's most elemental symbol: the progressed Sun. When it comes to a sensitive zone of the birthchart, momentous changes nearly always occur...but they mirror even more rudimentary transfigurations in the deepest levels of your identity.

Needless to say, we wouldn't be mentioning all this to you if the progressed Sun were passing through calm waters in your birthchart now. But it's not, and in a minute we'll look at exactly where it is and what it's doing. Before we consider the specifics, though, one more point for the sake of perspective: the progressed Sun is a very slow-moving factor. It covers approximately one degree each year. Thus, even in a long life, it swings through only about a quarter of the birthchart. It follows that often many years go by in which, despite its overwhelming importance, the progressed Sun is basically not doing very much and can safely be ignored. The other side of the coin is that when the Sun does come to sensitive territories, a person has reached one of life's definitive turning points. Decisions are made, well or poorly. Bridges are crossed, and often burned behind us. Life takes off in a new direction.

You've arrived at such a juncture; your core is being transfigured. It's stressful, of course; change always is. But your ability to hear the new message that's coming up from inside you will determine to a great extent the level of happiness, creativity, and prosperity you will experience for the rest of your life. Let's get specific. How is the progressed Sun currently impacting on you? It is trine your natal Saturn: Feb 23, 2008. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this aspect simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

Let's first consider that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Third House, for that's where the Sun is currently located in your chart. And what does that mean? That new information is coming your way, and that it may be somewhat shocking, unexpected, or at least fresh. It will modify your plans and make you aware of new possibilities. The news may come to you through any of the media or through a messenger, either of which may possess the tone of the Sun, as we just described it. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is scheduled to be impacted most strongly by this new data? To answer that, we turn our attention to Saturn, which is being invited into development by this flood of input.

The natal Saturn -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your capacity for self-discipline and patience. Generally, it marks an area where you will be challenged to achieve excellence...or tempted to give up and sink into sorrow and self-pity.

Your Sixth House held our attention for a while earlier in these pages; now we see it making itself felt again. You have an inherent desire to be helpful and competent, and you express it best when you find ways to give people around you "gifts" of the nature of Saturn, as

we just described it. That part of your nature is currently in the spotlight, so offer yourself and your gifts to those who need them. You'll grow wiser, and they'll be happier.

When the Sun interacts with Saturn, a season of limits and definitions is upon you. Neither concept may be attractive initially, but both are inseparable from a far deeper idea: maturation. The road before you grows narrower here, and for the same reason that youth is less constrained than midlife: as time passes, wide-open possibilities must be turned into concrete actualities. Don't fear commitments now; this is their season.

As we said, the aspect involved in the event we just described is the trine, which refers to a 120 degree angle between the natal planet and the moving one. Trines are traditionally viewed as positive aspects, and in fact they generally do correlate with opportunities. Additionally, their existence implies that support is available to you, if you are willing to move to claim it. And therein lies the rub with the so-called "good" aspects. They're not very dynamic. Just as pain is a more powerful motivator than contentment, the trick with trines lies in taking advantage of them before the wheel turns and their potential vanishes. With regard to the developments we described in the previous few paragraphs: a door is now open, a red carpet rolled out...but don't count on everything remaining that way forever.

The Means

If you happen to have a cold on the day you win the lottery, will that taint your memory of the big event? Probably not. Ten years later, you will have forgotten your runny nose. Ten minutes later, more likely.

Life and memory work that way. We prioritize certain kinds of events, experiencing them more vividly and remembering them far longer than the trivial and the predictable. The details of a typical Monday morning aren't going to last as long in the memory banks as images of your moment of glory or your darkest hour.

In exactly the same way, not all astrological events have the same impact. What we have considered so far are all first-string milestones in your life. The rest of what we'll be considering is less central -- but that's not to say unimportant. What follows is a set of supplementary transits and progressions, presented chronologically. They're not quite as profound in their implications as what we've seen, but they're not without emotional and existential consequences. If what we have explored in the previous pages can be viewed as an evolutionary invitation, then, to that lofty end, what follows is....

"The Means"

As you'll see, each of these events stands as significant in its own right. But their deepest meanings lie in the way they interact with what we've considered in the pages above, enhancing and sometimes complicating the broader developmental patterns.

Cards on the table: you can skim the next several pages and, I think, learn some things about the coming months that will prove prophetic...and more importantly, helpful. But the real magic lies in putting all the pieces together, synthesizing them in your heart into an emotional whole -- just like you've done with, say, memories of a special summer long ago. No computer can do that for you.

Your own creativity, your own reflections on the material we're covering, your own translations, additions, corrections, amendments, and meditations -- these are what make the difference.

Let's continue.

Tr. Jupiter is Trine Uranus

In effect: Jan 7, 2008 - Jan 16, 2008

Peak Date(s): Jan 11, 2008

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is trine your natal Uranus. The action peaks Jan 11, 2008.

First we must recognize that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Fourth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is currently passing. Immediately that realization places our attention on two fundamental areas: The first is your home and family, which may well be making their needs felt now in the "key" of Jupiter. And the second, often confused by the first, is your own happiness and that deep soul-feeling inside yourself to which you must be true if your life is to stay on course. Under this kind of stimulation, a person often benefits from considering his or her deepest beliefs and attitudes from a conventional psycho-therapeutic perspective -- which in essence is to say, "Figure out what mom and dad taught you," and drop what is no longer consistent with your own course. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to Uranus, which is being invited into development by these familial and emotional pressures.

There's a wild card in everyone, a rebellious, independent, free-spirited force that hates neckties and phony courtesies and all the slick moves that keep corporations and families from splitting apart. Astrologers call it Uranus. Stripped to its essence, this part of your astrological psyche is concerned primarily with the process of individuation, which boils down to whittling away all the parts of yourself which have arisen almost accidentally as side effects of your social background. When stimulated by transits or progressions, Uranus triggers your rebellions. It asks you to shed something unauthentic, unreal, or limiting in your life. Often it brings lightning-quick developments and unexpected circumstances. Almost always, there is a confrontation between you and some figure of authority, past or present.

Your Ninth House engaged us previously in the report. Now we see it turned on again, indicating that your natural adventuresomeness and philosophical curiosity are at the heart of the present situation. Sometimes chances must be taken and leaps of faith made. This is such a time. Learn something new. Take a vacation to somewhere you've never been. In the spirit of Uranus, blow out the cobwebs.

When Jupiter interacts with Uranus, unanticipated opportunities arise. It's as though the Cosmos manifests as Santa Claus; gifts are given to you, often completely "out of the blue." Accept them. The psycho-spiritual theme here lies in loving yourself enough to embrace abundance, and many times the test comes and passes so quickly that success depends more upon reflexive self-confidence than upon any philosophical "position papers" about self-esteem.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a trine -- traditionally seen as a "good" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply enhancing or supportive. Generally speaking, with trines there is an opportunity...but to seize it, you must supply the initiative.

Tr. Uranus is Trine Jupiter

In effect: in progress - Feb 2, 2008

Peak Date(s): Jan 10, 2008

Uranus came up earlier in this report. Now we encounter it again. As you may recall, this planet represents the "wild card" in life, and often correlates with unexpected events. Behind the roller-coaster ride, the real issue is your ability to claim your true individuality, even if that involves destabilizing certain aspects of your existing circumstances. Uranus currently is trine your natal Jupiter. The action peaks Jan 10, 2008.

Our first step is to recognize that the events and the deeper developmental invitation are manifesting in your Seventh House -- a familiar territory, since it figured earlier in our analysis. Again the "House of Marriage" comes up, for Uranus is currently passing through it. Receptivity to other people is the centerpiece here. But to whom exactly? Recognize your "soulmates" through their resemblance to Uranus, which we just described. But what is being triggered most deeply inside you? What part of you is being called into the service of love? The answer lies with Jupiter, which is being stimulated during this season of connection, encounters, and partnerships.

Hope and faith are essential to sanity. Without at least a few bright dreams and expansive goals, a person grows flat and dull...becomes a time-server. The same can be said for self-confidence: we need it. And even if such assurance sometimes crosses the line into a

sprinkle of arrogance, that's less troubling and limiting than sitting around afraid to take any risks at all. There is a gambler's circuit in your psyche that understands these notions perfectly well. Astrologers call it Jupiter. When stimulated by a passing transit or progression, it encourages you to extend yourself further into your world, to bet on yourself, and to recognize emerging opportunities. Be wary at the same time that you don't settle for glitter when gold may be just around the corner.

It's helpful, of course, for you to embrace the power of Jupiter positively in all departments of your life. But ever since you were born, one area has always stood out in that regard -- the Third House, which is where Jupiter was located when you took your first breath in Pittsburgh, PA. There, in the area of communication, that energy is most critical. What you say, how clearly you express it, and how well you are heard are the issues currently experiencing developmental pressure. Finding your voice and using it are basic spiritual concerns for you; now they are being invited to take a quantum leap.

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Tr. Jupiter is Trine Mercury

In effect: Jan 12, 2008 - Jan 21, 2008

Peak Date(s): Jan 17, 2008

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is trine your natal Mercury. The action peaks Jan 17, 2008.

First let's note that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Fourth House, a dimension of your birthchart we've encountered before, for that's the house through which Jupiter is currently passing. Two areas are immediately focalized: your domestic or familial environment (which is now likely to make its presence felt in the spirit and mood of Jupiter) and that deep soul-feeling inside yourself to which you must be true if your life is to stay on course. We could call it your personal myth, or more simply your bliss. And again, in staying true to those levels of your being, you must now stay true to Jupiter. But what are the

core questions? What area of your life is most affected by these domestic or psychological developments? The answer lies with Mercury, which is being invited into development during this long talk with yourself and the resultant sorting out of your real essence from your family training.

The natal Mercury -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your intelligence, your capacity to communicate, and your fundamental curiosity.

Your Twelfth House demanded our attention above; now we see it playing a part again, once more suggesting that the quality of your inner life is what's really at stake in the situation we're considering. Under such a stimulus, many times the most appropriate step includes a strategic retreat...and a realization that something inside you is wise enough, spiritual enough, transcendent enough to sustain losses with impunity, even with generosity. To move positively in the present environment, renew your sense of the sacred by withdrawing and immersing yourself in the spirit of Mercury, a planet which is functioning something like an inner guide for you in this lifetime.

When Mercury hobnobs with Jupiter, an attitude of expansiveness (Jupiter) pervades the mind (Mercury). You are challenged now, like an optimistic Sherlock Holmes, to be alert to possibilities. Think inventively, think positively, and think big: that's the spirit. In some way, you have been underestimating your intelligence, verbal skills, or general competence. Recognize that, and change it.

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Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Saturn

In effect: Jan 16, 2008 - Jan 25, 2008

Peak Date(s): Jan 21, 2008

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is sextile your natal Saturn. The action peaks Jan 21, 2008.

First let's note that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Fourth House, a dimension of your birthchart we've encountered before, for that's the house through which Jupiter is currently passing. Two areas are immediately focalized: your domestic or familial environment (which is now likely to make its presence felt in the spirit and mood of

Jupiter) and that deep soul-feeling inside yourself to which you must be true if your life is to stay on course. We could call it your personal myth, or more simply your bliss. And again, in staying true to those levels of your being, you must now stay true to Jupiter. But what are the core questions? What area of your life is most affected by these domestic or psychological developments? The answer lies with Saturn, which is being invited into development during this long talk with yourself and the resultant sorting out of your real essence from your family training.

The natal Saturn -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your capacity for self-discipline and patience. Generally, it marks an area where you will be challenged to achieve excellence...or tempted to give up and sink into sorrow and self-pity.

Your Sixth House held our attention for a while earlier in these pages; now we see it making itself felt again. You have an inherent desire to be helpful and competent, and you express it best when you find ways to give people around you "gifts" of the nature of Saturn, as we just described it. That part of your nature is currently in the spotlight, so offer yourself and your gifts to those who need them. You'll grow wiser, and they'll be happier.

When Jupiter interacts with Saturn, you experience an odd confluence of providential fortune (Jupiter) and daunting impediments (Saturn). Essentially, something very good is available to you now, but to attain it you must undertake a herculean effort. More profoundly, that effort itself will crystallize a very specific transformation in you: it will grant you the dignity of your advancing maturity.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a sextile -- traditionally seen as a "harmonious" or "mutually enhancing" aspect, often full of fast-paced events and emotional stimulation.

Tr. Jupiter is Trine Ascendant

In effect: Jan 25, 2008 - Feb 3, 2008

Peak Date(s): Jan 29, 2008

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is trine your natal Ascendant. The action peaks Jan 29, 2008.

First let's note that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Fourth House, a dimension of your birthchart we've encountered before, for that's the house through which Jupiter is currently passing. Two areas are immediately focalized: your domestic or

familial environment (which is now likely to make its presence felt in the spirit and mood of Jupiter) and that deep soul-feeling inside yourself to which you must be true if your life is to stay on course. We could call it your personal myth, or more simply your bliss. And again, in staying true to those levels of your being, you must now stay true to Jupiter. But what are the core questions? What area of your life is most affected by these domestic or psychological developments? The answer lies with the Ascendant, which is being invited into development during this long talk with yourself and the resultant sorting out of your real essence from your family training.

Like the rest of us, you are a complicated, paradoxical individual, full of contradictions and undercurrents. That's human. But another part of being human is that, like the rest of us, you need to get out of bed in the morning and put on a streamlined, simplified social mask that allows you to function in the social beehive. There's no way that you can have a truly intimate relationship with every face you see in your daily life, nor would you likely want such connections. So we all keep much of what we really are behind our astrological Ascendant, which symbolizes that mask. Physically, it is simply the sign that was dawning in the east at the instant of your birth...and symbolically it represents how you "dawn" on people who don't know you very well. When triggered by a passing transit or progression, the Ascendant signals the need to make some adjustments in the way you present yourself in the social world, so that your outer appearance remains reasonably aligned with who you have become inwardly. The work is superficial; which is not to say unimportant. Often it has to do with changing how you hold your body, the way you speak, and the clothes you wear.

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Tr. Saturn is Trine Uranus

In effect: Feb 7, 2008 - Mar 3, 2008

Peak Date(s): Feb 20, 2008

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is trine your natal Uranus. The energies crest Feb 20, 2008.

Currently Saturn is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Saturn, as we just described it -- that part of you has

completed a major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with Uranus, which is being invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

The natal Uranus -- that, as we have seen, represents your natural, uncensored individuality and your ability to claim and defend it.

Your Ninth House engaged us previously in the report. Now we see it turned on again, indicating that your natural adventuresomeness and philosophical curiosity are at the heart of the present situation. Sometimes chances must be taken and leaps of faith made. This is such a time. Learn something new. Take a vacation to somewhere you've never been. In the spirit of Uranus, blow out the cobwebs.

When Saturn interacts with Uranus, avalanche is the ruling metaphor. "Stuck" situations can only stay stuck for so long; sooner or later, when enough water builds up behind the logjam, something's got to give. Expect explosive developments, and prepare for them in two ways. The first: through dispassionate analysis you can anticipate eventualities and have some tactics for damage-control in place. The second: through imaginative forethought you can recognize some exciting emerging possibilities and be ready to seize them.

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Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Mars

In effect: Feb 8, 2008 - Feb 18, 2008

Peak Date(s): Feb 13, 2008

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is sextile your natal Mars. The action peaks Feb 13, 2008.

First, factor in that the movement and the evolutionary invitation are occurring in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is currently passing. We've met the symbolism of this house before: creativity, unabashed self-expression, and sheer playfulness. You've reached a point in your journey where you need your batteries recharged, your "inner child" re-invigorated. A general loosening up is required. Life's pleasures -- sports, games, vacations, new friends, loving interactions -- need to figure in your experience now. But

what part of your being most requires this rejuvenation? The answer lies with Mars, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

Sheer animal vitality -- that's Mars. In your natal chart, it represents your boldness and your pluckiness: what gets your blood flowing. Or boiling. All passions are linked to Mars. Anger and your ability to defend your boundaries are part of the picture. So is your inner fire -- your enthusiasm, your intensity, your sexual desire. When triggered by a passing transit or progression, Mars often signals a "go for it" situation developing in your life, but to make the best of it, you'll need to be brave and assertive. Such transits or progressions can also warn you of upcoming battles, and in general it's wiser to seize the initiative rather than surrender your power to the whimsies of circumstance.

Your Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of Mars.

When Jupiter energies interact with Mars energies, opportunity coincides with the need for assertiveness. There is something here for you to claim; but to succeed, you'll have to be brave. A "paper tiger" figures somehow in the situation: something that's not nearly as scary as it may initially appear.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a sextile -- traditionally seen as a "harmonious" or "mutually enhancing" aspect, often full of fast-paced events and emotional stimulation.

Tr. Jupiter is Trine Neptune

In effect: Feb 14, 2008 - Feb 24, 2008

Peak Date(s): Feb 19, 2008

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is trine your natal Neptune. The action peaks Feb 19, 2008.

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games, vacations, new friends, loving interactions -- need to figure in your experience now. But what part of your being most requires this rejuvenation? The answer lies with Neptune, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

Close your eyes. Don't think of anything at all. Just be aware of all that infinite, dark space. Welcome to Neptune. In your natal chart, it represents the part of you that knows how to enter trance, to meditate, or to "space out." Everybody's got one, and everybody experiences that part of their consciousness from time to time. When triggered by transits or progressions, Neptune asks you to let go, to allow material to enter your mind uncensored and unstructured. It's more akin to feeling than thinking, but neither word captures it perfectly. Dreaming is the closest analogy...a sort of free-associative state in which your own mind works like an unpredictable movie theater. Why bother? Because such an astrological event signals that your unconscious mind or, if you prefer, your soul has an important message and is trying to get in touch with you.

Always, it's advantageous for you to incorporate the force of Neptune positively in all parts of your life. But one area has always stood out in that regard -- the First House, which is where Neptune lies in your natal chart. There, in the area of assertiveness and personal power, the right use of that energy is most critical. In many situations you must react, respond, and play the cards you're dealt. But not in the First House. Here, you're in the driver's seat...and there are certain experiences you must claim for yourself, experiences of the nature of Neptune, even if the people about whom you care call you selfish for doing so.

When Jupiter consorts with Neptune, there's a cliché that should never be too far from your mind: all that glitters is not gold. Don't be tempted by "extraordinary possibilities" now, at least not without a careful look at the fine print, a consultation with a sober friend, and a painstaking effort to consider worst-case scenarios. What is really going on here is that a bright new vision is slowly forming inside you. It's real -- or more accurately, it's going to be real. Don't mistake its glowing emotional aura for something that is actually, physically, available in the present context.

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Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Jupiter

In effect: Feb 24, 2008 - Mar 7, 2008

Peak Date(s): Mar 1, 2008

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is sextile your natal

Jupiter. The action peaks Mar 1, 2008.

First, factor in that the movement and the evolutionary invitation are occurring in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is currently passing. We've met the symbolism of this house before: creativity, unabashed self-expression, and sheer playfulness. You've reached a point in your journey where you need your batteries recharged, your "inner child" re-energized. A general loosening up is required. Life's pleasures -- sports, games, vacations, new friends, loving interactions -- need to figure in your experience now. But what part of your being most requires this rejuvenation? The answer lies with Jupiter, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

The natal Jupiter -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your capacity for positive thinking and abundance. More deeply, Jupiter is about your faith in life and in yourself.

Your Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of Jupiter.

When Jupiter interacts with its own natal position, as we see here, speculation and possibility arise. There is something available to you now which was not available before. It comes at least partly as a gift, or as what the world would call "blind luck." In fact, a more subtle law is in operation here: you've crafted a position of opportunity for yourself over the years. Now is the time to harvest it.

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Tr. Jupiter is Trine Moon

In effect: Mar 11, 2008 - Mar 25, 2008

Peak Date(s): Mar 18, 2008

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is trine your natal Moon. The action peaks Mar 18, 2008.

First, factor in that the movement and the evolutionary invitation are occurring in the Fifth

House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is currently passing. We've met the symbolism of this house before: creativity, unabashed self-expression, and sheer playfulness. You've reached a point in your journey where you need your batteries recharged, your "inner child" re-invigorated. A general loosening up is required. Life's pleasures -- sports, games, vacations, new friends, loving interactions -- need to figure in your experience now. But what part of your being most requires this rejuvenation? The answer lies with the Moon, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

The natal Moon -- that, as we have seen, represents your inner life, your emotions, moods, and attitudes.

Your Ninth House engaged us previously in the report. Now we see it turned on again, indicating that your natural adventuresomeness and philosophical curiosity are at the heart of the present situation. Sometimes chances must be taken and leaps of faith made. This is such a time. Learn something new. Take a vacation to somewhere you've never been. In the spirit of the Moon, blow out the cobwebs.

When the Moon interacts with Jupiter, the mood of life generally turns jovial and optimistic. There is an attitude of hopefulness and an alertness to possibility. It is a season of enhanced imagination, especially about your own potential future. In general, the best policy is to be bold in your dreaming, but cautious about signing on the dotted line. What you envision creatively now is probably quite sound, but it will want some editing in the cold light of dawn.

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The Details

In the mood for Mardi Gras? If you live in Chicago, it helps to know that New Orleans lies to the south. Head west or east and you'll never arrive . . .

What we've done in the previous pages is to show you the direction to New Orleans. We've looked at the big astrological themes that are affecting you this year . . .

As a reminder, at the beginning of our analysis of each month's events we'll make reference to any major configurations covered previously which happen to be reaching peaks of intensity then -- and please recall that some of them will have more than a single peak during the report

period. There won't be any more analysis; just an allusion to the events so you can go back and review the earlier material, and see the patterns of the month in the light of the year's heavier transits and progressions.

Please remember that the fleeting, often forgettable influences we discuss in the following pages must always draw their real meaning from the far more monumental events we've already described. A "discussion with the boss," for example, is going to take on particular significance during a month when your whole career is up for grabs!

These minor transits unfold quickly. It's a rare week that doesn't contain at least a few. A report that discussed them all in the kind of microscopic detail we've applied to the major events would be several inches thick. In order to cover the daily astrological kaleidoscope within the practical limitations of the space available, we've resorted to producing capsulized one-sentence nuggets that compress a lot of information into a few words. So, slow down, shift gears, and let them wash over you. Think of these images more as daily meditations than as the kind of full-blown explanations to which you've gotten accustomed in the previous sections of SKYLOG.

One brief reminder: remember that many astrological events have not one but several peaks of intensity, so you may find a given "Invitation" or "Means" coming up several times in the pages that follow.

Even minor astrological events commonly have an impact over several days. In the following month-by-month analysis, configurations are listed chronologically according to the days they "peak" -- but don't take that date narrowly. The most colorful events and profoundest realizations might easily occur a day or two later or earlier.

January Invitation Peaks

Jan 20, 2008 - Tr. Saturn opposes Saturn
Jan 30, 2008 - Pr. Moon enters Capricorn

January Mean Peaks

Jan 10, 2008 - Tr. Uranus trines Jupiter
Jan 11, 2008 - Tr. Jupiter trines Uranus
Jan 17, 2008 - Tr. Jupiter trines Mercury
Jan 21, 2008 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Saturn
Jan 29, 2008 - Tr. Jupiter trines Ascendant

January The Details

Jan 03, 2008 - Tr. Sun sextiles Mars
Keywords: spontaneous nature excites your native inventive assertiveness.

Jan 03, 2008 - Tr. Mercury trines Venus
Keywords: spontaneous dialog enhances your usual forceful relating.

Jan 04, 2008 - Tr. Sun trines Neptune

Keywords: imaginative nature supports your typical authoritative imagination.

Jan 04, 2008 - Tr. Venus opposes Midheaven

Venus: Goddess of Love, Goddess of Peace...in her fast transits around your chart, she offers you counsel and support, sometimes through friendship, sometimes through more romantic kinds of intimacy. Her arrival at a sensitive zone also suggests that a time has come to relax and to receive solace or comfort, or to recharge your inner batteries through the perception of beauty. People come warmly into your space; a chance to "let your hair down" arises; paintings, music, and Technicolor sunsets abound.

Venus aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Jan 04, 2008. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Venus. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Jan 05, 2008 - Tr. Venus squares Mercury

Keywords: cautious relating conflicts with your instinctive reclusive dialog.

Jan 05, 2008 - Tr. Mercury opposes Pluto

Keywords: self-expressive dialog is in tension with your inherent visionary honesty.

Jan 05, 2008 - Tr. Venus squares Saturn

Keywords: self-protective human connection conflicts with your instinctive supportive composure.

Jan 06, 2008 - Tr. Sun sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: creative personality excites your native intelligent exuberance.

Jan 09, 2008 - Tr. Sun trines Moon

Keywords: imaginative nature supports your typical questing sensitivity.

Jan 10, 2008 - Tr. Venus squares Neptune

Keywords: sensitive relating clashes with your instinctive commanding contemplation.

Jan 11, 2008 - Tr. Mercury squares Uranus

Keywords: spontaneous conversation conflicts with your instinctive intellectually hungry individuality.

Jan 11, 2008 - Tr. Mars sextiles Sun

Keywords: career assertiveness excites your native spiritually open nature.

Jan 13, 2008 - Tr. Sun trines Venus

Keywords: self-expressive nature supports your typical forceful human connection.

Jan 16, 2008 - Tr. Mercury squares Mars

Keywords: supportive dialog conflicts with your instinctive verbal courage.

Jan 17, 2008 - Tr. Sun opposes Pluto

Keywords: creative identity opposes your inborn strategic investigation.

Jan 18, 2008 - Tr. Venus squares Venus

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated human connection clashes with your instinctive forceful affection.

Jan 18, 2008 - Tr. Mercury squares Jupiter

Keywords: helpful conversation clashes with your instinctive curious gambling.

Jan 20, 2008 - Tr. Mercury squares Moon

Keywords: dutiful conversation clashes with your instinctive adventuresome attitude.

Jan 21, 2008 - Tr. Venus trines Sun

Keywords: sensitive human connection enhances your usual meditative identity.

Jan 23, 2008 at 01:48 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

The Moon in a month passes through all twelve houses of your chart. In so doing, it correlates with the passing whimsies of mood. One afternoon you're bright and cheery, the following morning you're blue...but energetic again after lunch. It doesn't amount to much, and it's not really very important in practical terms -- with one exception: the passage of the Moon through the Twelfth House. During that time you are going through a kind of emotional moulting, ending one cycle and preparing to begin another. Your attentions and energies are turned inward. Accept that, handle it well, and the period -- usually a couple of days -- is quiet and contemplative. It may even be rather pleasant. But if you try to keep up your normal level of activity, you'll find yourself confused, flat, and prone to dumb accidents. So when the Moon enters your Twelfth House, make sure that you have some unstructured time. Minimize distractions. Put off any significant new beginnings for a couple of days. And take a few unhurried breaths. This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House Jan 23, 2008 at 01:48 AM, and emerges Jan 25, 2008 at 03:02 AM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

Jan 25, 2008 - Tr. Sun squares Uranus

Keywords: imaginative personality conflicts with your instinctive expansive individuality.

Jan 28, 2008 - Tr. Venus trines Uranus

Keywords: sensitive relating supports your typical intellectually hungry autonomy.

Jan 28, 2008 at 03:31 PM - Mercury turns Retrograde

Three, maybe four times in the course of a year, the planet Mercury spends three weeks or so going backwards in the sky, a period we call Mercury Retrograde. Practicality sometimes intervenes, but to the extent that you can arrange it, you are better off if you can avoid signing anything important during this period, buying anything mechanical (unless its failure would be

of trivial consequence), initiating travel, or attempting significant communications by phone or mail. This, of course, is a lot to ask; and sticking to it too firmly starts to verge on Cosmic Paranoia. Still, there is a heightened tendency for objects, messages, and plans to go awry during this Retrograde time. Sometimes a little patience exercised now will make your life a lot easier in the long run. If steps simply must be taken, it doesn't mean everything is doomed to failure...just keep duplicates, have backups, double-check everything, and be prepared for petty annoyances. The first appearance of a Retrograde Mercury during the period of this report occurs Jan 28, 2008 at 03:31 PM. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" Feb 18, 2008 at 09:50 PM.

Jan 29, 2008 - Tr. Venus trines Mercury

Keywords: self-protective human connection supports your typical meditative communication.

Jan 30, 2008 - Tr. Venus sextiles Saturn

Keywords: sensitive affection excites your native painstaking integrity.

February Invitation Peaks

Feb 02, 2008 - Tr. Jupiter enters Fifth House

Feb 03, 2008 - Tr. Saturn conjuncts Mercury

Feb 13, 2008 - Tr. Saturn squares Midheaven

Feb 23, 2008 - Pr. Sun trines Saturn

February Mean Peaks

Feb 13, 2008 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Mars

Feb 19, 2008 - Tr. Jupiter trines Neptune

Feb 20, 2008 - Tr. Saturn trines Uranus

February The Details

Feb 01, 2008 - Tr. Sun squares Mars

Keywords: competent nature conflicts with your instinctive clever courage.

Feb 03, 2008 - Tr. Venus sextiles Mars

Keywords: creative relating excites your native intelligent swordsmanship.

Feb 04, 2008 - Tr. Venus trines Neptune

Keywords: child-like relating enhances your usual assertive contemplation.

Feb 04, 2008 - Tr. Sun squares Jupiter

Keywords: helpful personality conflicts with your instinctive inventive exuberance.

Feb 05, 2008 - Tr. Mercury squares Moon

Keywords: painstaking communication conflicts with your instinctive questing awareness.

Feb 05, 2008 - Tr. Venus sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: self-expressive human connection excites your native intelligent exuberance.

Feb 07, 2008 - Tr. Sun squares Moon

Keywords: competent identity conflicts with your instinctive expansive awareness.

Feb 07, 2008 - Tr. Mercury squares Jupiter

Keywords: competent dialog clashes with your instinctive inventive exuberance.

Feb 08, 2008 - Tr. Venus trines Moon

Keywords: child-like affection supports your typical questing sensitivity.

Feb 10, 2008 - Tr. Mercury squares Mars

Keywords: helpful conversation clashes with your instinctive curious swordsmanship.

Feb 11, 2008 - Tr. Venus trines Venus

Keywords: spontaneous affection enhances your usual assertive relating.

Feb 14, 2008 - Tr. Venus opposes Pluto

Keywords: child-like affection is in tension with your inherent visionary honesty.

Feb 15, 2008 - Tr. Sun opposes Sun

Keywords: competent personality is in tension with your inherent meditative nature.

Feb 19, 2008 at 10:45 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Feb 19, 2008 at 10:45 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Feb 21, 2008 at 12:23 PM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Feb 20, 2008 - Tr. Mars sextiles Sun

Keywords: professional swordsmanship excites your native quiet identity.

Feb 21, 2008 - Tr. Venus squares Uranus

Keywords: spontaneous affection conflicts with your instinctive intellectually hungry individuality.

Feb 24, 2008 - Tr. Sun sextiles Uranus

Keywords: helpful personality stimulates your normal routine-shattering individuality.

Feb 25, 2008 - Tr. Sun opposes Mercury

Keywords: supportive nature is in tension with your inherent meditative communication.

Feb 26, 2008 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Saturn

Keywords: responsible personality fuses with your natural helpful composure.

Feb 27, 2008 - Tr. Venus squares Mars

Keywords: responsible relating clashes with your instinctive verbal courage.

Feb 28, 2008 - Tr. Mercury squares Mars

Keywords: supportive communication conflicts with your instinctive inventive swordsmanship.

Feb 28, 2008 - Tr. Sun opposes Ascendant

The transiting Sun is like a huge, dumb battery. Whatever it touches, it electrifies -- but never for very long or very deeply. That's simply because it's a fast-moving factor, never staying anywhere long enough to develop true depth or complexity of meaning. In a year, it circuits the chart once...which leaves it only a few days to spend in each of your chart's many sensitive zones. Whatever it touches, however, is temporarily pushed into action. And sometimes, if more serious astro-psychological energies have been building or brewing in that area of your life, the Sun's transit over that point might just be the trigger that sets big wheels turning. The critical point is that the Sun represents your ego, and when it collides with sensitive territories you need to act accordingly: not "egocentrically," but with an awareness of your rights, your needs, and your desires.

Sun enters your Seventh House Feb 28, 2008. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it looks, feels, and sounds a lot like Sun. One bottom line: the quality of your deepest human connections profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention during these days.

March Invitation Peaks

(None this month.)

March Mean Peaks

Mar 01, 2008 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Jupiter

Mar 04, 2008 - Tr. Uranus sextiles Moon

Mar 18, 2008 - Tr. Jupiter trines Moon

March The Details

Mar 01, 2008 - Tr. Venus squares Jupiter

Keywords: dutiful human connection conflicts with your instinctive open-minded exuberance.

Mar 02, 2008 - Tr. Sun trines Mars

Keywords: empathetic identity supports your typical clever swordsmanship.

Mar 02, 2008 - Tr. Mercury squares Jupiter

Keywords: competent dialog conflicts with your instinctive inventive exuberance.

Mar 03, 2008 - Tr. Venus squares Moon

Keywords: responsible relating clashes with your instinctive exploratory awareness.

Mar 03, 2008 - Tr. Sun opposes Neptune

Keywords: collaborative identity is in tension with your inherent resolute imagination.

Mar 05, 2008 - Tr. Mercury squares Moon

Keywords: dutiful communication conflicts with your instinctive intellectually hungry awareness.

Mar 05, 2008 - Tr. Sun trines Jupiter

Keywords: interpersonally sensitive identity enhances your usual inventive gambling.

Mar 08, 2008 - Tr. Sun sextiles Moon

Keywords: interpersonally sensitive personality stimulates your normal expansive sensitivity.

Mar 09, 2008 - Tr. Venus opposes Sun

Keywords: helpful human connection opposes your inborn withdrawn nature.

Mar 12, 2008 - Tr. Mercury opposes Sun

Keywords: competent dialog opposes your inborn meditative identity.

Mar 12, 2008 - Tr. Sun opposes Venus

Keywords: caring nature opposes your inborn decisive human connection.

Mar 16, 2008 - Tr. Sun trines Pluto

Keywords: interpersonally sensitive identity enhances your usual group-dynamical investigation.

Mar 17, 2008 - Tr. Venus sextiles Uranus

Keywords: helpful human connection excites your native questing individuality.

Mar 17, 2008 at 05:23 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Mar 17, 2008 at 05:23 PM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Mar 19, 2008 at 07:59 PM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Mar 18, 2008 - Tr. Venus opposes Mercury

Keywords: dutiful affection is in tension with your inherent quiet conversation.

Mar 18, 2008 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Uranus

Keywords: helpful conversation stimulates your normal intellectually hungry individuality.

Mar 18, 2008 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Saturn

Keywords: painstaking human connection fuses with your natural dutiful composure.

Mar 19, 2008 - Tr. Mars sextiles Uranus

Keywords: professional courage excites your native intellectually hungry individuality.

Mar 19, 2008 - Tr. Mercury opposes Mercury

Keywords: helpful communication opposes your inborn meditative dialog.

Mar 20, 2008 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Saturn

Keywords: helpful communication fuses with your natural responsible composure.

Mar 20, 2008 - Tr. Venus opposes Ascendant

The transiting Venus emerges again, suggesting experiences coming to you centered on other people with whom you are involved, and also encouraging you to relax and release tension now, perhaps with the help of music, art, or natural beauty.

Venus enters your Seventh House Mar 20, 2008. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it looks, feels, and sounds a lot like Venus. One bottom line: the quality of your deepest human connections profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention during these days.

Mar 21, 2008 - Tr. Mercury opposes Ascendant

The mythological Mercury is the "Messenger of the Gods." The same is true of the transiting Mercury, which speeds around your chart, prompting conversations, dialogs, and sermons, both outgoing and incoming. It triggers the arrival of letters, faxes, and phone calls, and provokes the weaving of new data into your viewpoint. When it arrives at a sensitive point, your task is to listen, to ask questions, and to share intelligence.

Mercury enters your Seventh House Mar 21, 2008. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it looks, feels, and sounds a lot like Mercury. One bottom line: the quality of your deepest human connections profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention during these days.

Mar 22, 2008 - Tr. Mars sextiles Mercury

Keywords: professional courage stimulates your normal reclusive communication.

Mar 22, 2008 - Tr. Venus trines Mars

Keywords: collaborative affection enhances your usual intelligent assertiveness.

Mar 23, 2008 - Tr. Mercury trines Mars

Keywords: loving dialog enhances your usual curious courage.

Mar 23, 2008 - Tr. Venus opposes Neptune

Keywords: cooperative affection opposes your inborn assertive inspiration.

Mar 23, 2008 - Tr. Mercury opposes Neptune

Keywords: interpersonally sensitive conversation opposes your inborn authoritative contemplation.

Mar 24, 2008 - Tr. Mars trines Saturn

Keywords: on-the-job assertiveness supports your typical supportive solitude.

Mar 25, 2008 - Tr. Mercury trines Jupiter

Keywords: collaborative conversation enhances your usual intelligent exuberance.

Mar 25, 2008 - Tr. Venus trines Jupiter

Keywords: collaborative relating enhances your usual open-minded opportunity.

Mar 26, 2008 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Moon

Keywords: empathetic conversation excites your native adventuresome attitude.

Mar 27, 2008 - Tr. Venus sextiles Moon

Keywords: empathetic relating excites your native intellectually hungry awareness.

Mar 29, 2008 - Tr. Mercury opposes Venus

Keywords: caring communication opposes your inborn resolute human connection.

Mar 31, 2008 - Tr. Venus opposes Venus

Keywords: empathetic human connection is in tension with your inherent resolute relating.

Mar 31, 2008 - Tr. Mercury trines Pluto

Keywords: collaborative communication enhances your usual goal-oriented investigation.

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